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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

ALLIANCE FOR THE WILD
ROCKIES,

Plaintiff,

v.

ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY,

Defendant.

CV 17-64-DLC

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL
GARRITY

I, Michael Garrity, declare as follows:

1. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney

Fees and Other Costs Under the Endangered Species Act in this case,

Declaration of Michael Garrity

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and I make the statements in this declaration based upon my personal knowledge. I am competent to testify to the matters stated herein.

2. I am the Director of the Plaintiff Alliance for the Wild Rockies (Alliance).
3. The Alliance is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization incorporated in Montana.
4. Now and at the time of filing of this civil action, the Alliance had a net worth of less than \$7,000,000 and had fewer than 500 employees.
5. I am familiar with public interest environmental litigation. The Alliance has been a party to successful lawsuits against public land management agencies.
6. There is a very limited pool of qualified attorneys who are willing and qualified to undertake environmental litigation under the Endangered Species Act against federal agencies.
7. We were fortunate that Kristine Akland, and Timothy Bechtold were willing and able to help us. They are all considered by the non-profit environmental community to be specialists with distinctive skills in environmental law. They have a reputation for solid, high-quality environmental plaintiffs' work and their services are highly sought after.

8. We could not have participated as a plaintiff in this case without their services; their expert services were necessary.
9. Ms. Akland and Mr. Bechtold provided the Alliance with high-quality legal representation that was not otherwise available to us at statutory rates and could not have been provided by other attorneys who are general practitioners.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 20~~th~~ day of February, 2018.


Michael Garrity
Director, Alliance for the Wild Rockies